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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

CSLC EIR No.: 740

Project: PG&E Line 406 and Line 407 Natural Gas Pipeline

CSLC Ref Files: W30169-4, W26210; R19806

SCH#: 2007062091

Date: June 19, 2007

To: Interested Parties

Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to construct a 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline (Lines 406 and 407) and a new distribution-feeder main from Esparta in Yolo County east to west Roseville in Placer County. The proposed pipeline would provide greater capacity and service reliability to the existing gas transmission and distribution pipeline system in the Sacramento Valley Region and would deliver natural gas directly to an area of anticipated growth.

Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric
2730 Gateway Oaks Drive
Sacramento, California 95812

Location: The proposed pipeline is approximately 40 miles long spanning four counties: Yolo, Sutter, Sacramento, and Placer (see Figure 1 in Attachment 1 for an overview of the project). Line 406 would begin at PG&E's existing Lines 400 and 401 in Yolo County at the foot of the Coast Range and extend east to PG&E's existing Line 172A near the town of Yolo. Line 407 would extend from PG&E's existing Line 172A where the proposed Line 406 terminates, east to PG&E's existing Line 123 near the City of Roseville. The proposed Distribution Feeder Main (DFM) would extend from the new Line 207 south and parallel Powerline Road to the Sacramento Metro Air Park development in Sacramento County.

The project area consists of flat to rolling topography. The natural vegetation and hydrology of much of the project area has been significantly modified for agricultural use. West of the Sacramento River, agriculture is the dominant land use with orchards, row crops, and irrigated pasture covering a majority of the land.

In the western portion of the project, in Yolo County, where Line 406 would be constructed, small intermittent creeks and irrigation ditches and canals make up a majority of the water features. The geographic area commonly known as Dunnigan Hills, located in the Line 406 segment, consists mainly of rolling open rangeland.

Line 407 would cross numerous irrigation canals and ditches as well as the Sacramento River. In the easternmost project area, Line 407 would cross two small intermittent creeks, Curry Creek, and the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal (Steelhead Creek). Line 407 would also cross numerous irrigation canals and ditches that feed rice production within the Natomas Basin. New residential and commercial developments are planned in the eastern portion of the Line 407 project area, within Placer, Sutter, and Sacramento counties. This area is currently made up of a mix of rice fields and nonnative annual grasslands with inclusive seasonal and vernal pool wetlands.

Project Description:

The Project being proposed by PG&E would provide greater capacity and service reliability to the existing natural gas transmission and distribution pipeline system in the Sacramento Valley Region and would deliver natural gas directly to an area of anticipated growth. The project would further reinforce the reliability of the region's natural gas system by providing a second, larger-diameter connection point between Lines 400 and 401 and existing pipelines serving several larger metropolitan areas in the region.

A detailed project description, location, and potential environmental effects are presented in Attachment 1.

Purpose of Public Scoping Process:

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project.

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation / Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain agency and the public's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis, including the significant environmental issues, reasonable range of alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be included in the draft EIR. Applicable agencies will need to use the EIR when considering related permits or other approvals for the Project.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent by **Wednesday, July 18, 2007**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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NOTE: You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your comments in Microsoft Word format. If comments are faxed or sent by e-mail, please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received by this office.

Pursuant to Section 15083, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, the CSLC will also conduct two public scoping meetings for the proposed Project to receive oral or written testimony at the times and places listed below:

DATE: Monday, July 9, 2007
TIME: Afternoon meeting at 3:00 PM
Evening Meeting at 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express
Main Meeting Room
2070 Freeway Drive
Woodland, CA 95776
(530) 662-7750

DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 2007
TIME: Afternoon meeting at 3:00 PM
Evening meeting at 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Roseville Downtown Library
Oak Room
225 Taylor Street
Roseville, CA 95678
(916) 774-5221

If you have any questions or would like a copy of this Notice and Attachment 1, please contact Crystal Spurr at the above address, by phone (916) 574-0748, or e-mail at spurrc@slc.ca.gov. Copies of this Notice will also be available at the public scoping meetings and on the CSLC web page: www.slc.ca.gov (under "Project Updates").

Signature:


Crystal Spurr
Staff Environmental Scientist

Date: June 19, 2007